



# **NSF SUPPORT OF THE SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES**

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# Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES)

- Supports research to develop and advance scientific knowledge focusing on economic, legal, political and social systems, organizations, and institutions
- Supports research on the intellectual and social contexts that govern the development and use of science and technology

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# Social and Economic Sciences

## FY06 Program Allocations

• Cross-Directorate Activities	\$3.5M
• Decision, Risk, & Management Sciences	\$6.2M
• Economics	\$22.7M
• Innovation and Organizational Change	\$2.2M
• Law and Social Science	\$4.2M
• Methodology, Measurement & Statistics	\$3.6M
• Political Science	\$7.2M
• Science and Society	\$7.6M
• Sociology	\$7.1M





# SES Target Dates

## **January 15 & August 15**

Economics

Law and Social Science

Methodology, Measurement & Statistics

Political Science

Sociology

## **January 18 & August 18**

Decision, Risk, & Management Sciences

## **February 1 & August 1**

Science and Society

## **February 2**

Innovation and Organizational Change

# Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences

- Supports research to develop and advance scientific knowledge focusing on human cognition, language, social behavior, and culture
- Supports research on the interactions between human societies and the physical environment

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# Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences

## FY05 Program Allocations

• Archaeology & Archaeometry	\$6.4M
• Cultural Anthropology	\$3.4M
• Cognitive Neuroscience	\$7.1M
• Developmental & Learning Sciences	\$7.0M
• Geography & Regional Science	\$6.2M
• Linguistics	\$8.1M
• Perception, Action, & Cognition	\$6.5M
• Physical Anthropology	\$3.8M
• Social Psychology	\$5.5M





# BCS Target Dates

## **December 1 & July 1**

Archaeology & Archaeometry

Physical Anthropology

## **January 1 & August 1**

Cultural Anthropology

## **January 15 & July 15**

Cognitive Neuroscience

Developmental & Learning Sciences

Human Cognition & Perception

Linguistics

Social Psychology

## **January 15 & August 15**

Geography & Regional Science



# Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Awards

Small grants to provide funds for items not normally provided through the student's institution

- Archaeology
- Cultural Anthropology
- Decision, Risk, & Management Science
- Economics
- Geography & Regional Science
- Law and Social Science
- Linguistics
- Physical Anthropology
- Political Science
- Science and Society
- Sociology

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# Science of Science Innovation and Policy (SciSIP)

- Deadline: May 22, 2007
- Current Topics
  - Analytical Tools
  - Model Building
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*Behavioral & Cognitive Sciences*

# **Scientific Basis of Individual and Team Innovation and Discovery**

- Cognitive scientists, social psychologists and engineers discussed the psychological study of science and engineering
- Frontiers of collaborative research include:
  - Memory and analogy mechanisms in creative design
  - Computational models of creativity
  - Models of synergy between individuals and teams
  - Ways to build more innovative teams
  - Management and leadership in innovation and creativity
  - Impact of disciplinary cultures on transformative work

## *Social & Economic Sciences*

# **Social Organization of Science and Science Policy**

- Social scientists examined the organization and political, economic and social contexts in which science and science policy succeed or flounder
- Understanding interrelationships in the national innovation system
  - How intellectual, social and physical organization influence creativity and innovation
  - How scientific knowledge and expertise influence policy and decisions
  - How global changes in economic, political, and social relationships influence the production and uses of science and technology
  - How changes in science and technology influence patterns of globalization and well being

## *Science Resources Statistics*

# **Advancing Measures of Innovation**

- Improve comparability, scope, relevance and availability of data
  - Redesign surveys
  - Improve data sample frames, links and aggregability
  - Map the globalization and capitalization of R&D
  - Collaborate with other Federal agencies on R&D and innovation metrics
  - Collaborate with OECD, UNESCO et al, to improve the international comparability of workforce and mobility data
  - Utilize new cyberinfrastructure-based data extraction, matching and manipulation techniques



# **FOUNDATION-WIDE PRIORITY AREAS**

- Cyberinfrastructure
- Human and Social Dynamics
- International Polar Year
- Nanoscale Science and Engineering



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**Discoveries**  
Begin

